

**CLEAN VERSION OF REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPHS IN THE SPECIFICATION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (b)**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 4, please delete the paragraph beginning on line 29 and ending on line 30, and replace with the following paragraph:

431 Figure 1 (SEQ ID NOS: 1 - 4) shows the alignment of anti-CD40 variable region and human template amino acid sequences.

Please insert the attached Sequence Listing as new pages --63-65--.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please renumber the pages of claims from pages "63-70" to --66-73--.

**~~IN THE ABSTRACT~~**

Please renumber the Abstract page from page "71" to --74--.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 74<sup>1</sup>, line 2 and ending on page 75, line 25 and replace with the following paragraph:

732 The invention provides a method of conferring donor CDR binding affinity onto an antibody acceptor variable region framework. The invention also provides a method of simultaneously grafting and optimizing the binding affinity of a variable region binding fragment. A method of optimizing the binding affinity of an antibody variable region is also provided.

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that this page number refers to the new page number resulting from the instant amendment.